## Achievements (CCS-NCDs 2017-2021)

During CCS 2017 – 2021, there have been many initiatives under the NCD program, including the strong collaborative efforts to fight high prevalent NCDs (diabetes, hypertension, etc.), the support for the control of NCD risks (sodium and salt reduction, obesity, strengthening surveillance and monitoring system for NCDs), NCD policy development fellowships, and promotion of NCD champions, among others. An outstanding achievement of the current CCS is the organization of a high-level UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) Mission in 2018. The UNIATF has met with the top leadership including the Prime Minister and other ministers and come up with 17 recommendations. This helped the country to expand, intensify and scale-up health sector's response on NCDs and increase engagement of non-health ministries. As a follow-up to the UNIATF recommendations, a UN thematic group was set up with 10 United Nations (UN) agencies, 10 government agencies (including Prime Minister's Office) and civil society with the UN Resident Coordinator and Director General of Department of Disease Control as co-chairs. This initiative was very helpful in mobilizing UN partners to support NCD agenda and improve engagement with other sectors.